

Monterrey, Mexico

Sister City Charter Established: 1953

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Monterrey's famous "Cerro de la Silla"

- **Location:** capital of the northeastern state of Nuevo Leon, Mexico
- **Population:** exceeds 2 million; Third largest city in Mexico
- **Elevation:** 1,800 feet above sea level; surrounded by the Sierra Madre mountains
- **Primary Industries:** production of glass, cement, steel, beer, chemicals, and furniture
- **Mayor:** Felipe de Jesus Cantu Rodriguez, Palacio Municipal de Monterrey, Zaragoza y Ocampo, 1st Piso, Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico 64000

Monterrey is the oldest and geographically closest Sister City for San Antonio. It serves as the center of industrial activity in Mexico. Its proximity to the United States and the border at Laredo, Texas offers an easy entryway for exports to US markets. industrial base have boosted the Monterrey standard of living and have made Monterrey a major center for business. Monterrey is one of Mexico's major business centers.

Although industry is the biggest player in Monterrey society, the city has recently made great advances in establishing itself as a cultural center as well. The city Cathedral, begun in 1600 and completed in 1750, is a beautiful example of Roman Catholic construction. The recently constructed Gran Plaza, in the center of the city, is home to City Hall, the Museum of Contemporary Art, the city theater, and the State Capitol Building of Nuevo Leon.

The Technological Institute of Superior Studies, commonly known as "El Tec" is Mexico's equivalent of the Harvard Business School, Wharton School of Finance and other equivalent learning institutions. The UDEM (Universidad de Monterrey) and the Universidad Autonoma are other fine higher learning institutions with high level curricula and academic standards sanctioned by several associations in the US.

For more information on Monterrey, please find these resources on the web:

<http://www.go2monterrey.com/>

<http://cgi.aros.net/cgi-bin/cgiwrap/sanbachs/mexico2.cgi/City=MTY>

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